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MEMORANDUM.

It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum, the above number and date should be quoted.



11th July, 1963.

Hon. Col. Secretary,

Chief Meteorological Officer,

Stanley.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

Camp Meteorological Stations

As you are aware, during the greater part of the year there is no British Antarctic Survey requirement for any forecasting service at the Stanley Meteorological Office. In the forecasting sphere all our efforts are directed towards providing forecasts for the people of the Falklands and for the Government Air Service.

2. To provide this service we need local as well as foreign reports, and these local reports are obtained from part-time observers at various places including West Point Island and Fox Bay. The part-time observers receive an honorarium under Head VIII.1, and their equipment is provided and kept in good order under Head VIII.3.

3. Weather reports received from R.M.S. "Darwin" also contribute considerably to the provision of forecasts for the Air Service and the Falkland Islands generally, and as the reports from the "Darwin" are free and gratis and of excellent quality, I would like permission to regard the vessel as a Camp Meteorological Station in all respects except payment for services.

4. I must emphasise that this proposal involves no new financial obligations as the "Darwin" is already well equipped with meteorological instruments. However agreement to this request would leave me happier in respect of the minor equipment repairs and replacements which are necessary from time to time if we are to continue to receive the very valuable and accurate reports which the vessel is providing.

W. S. S. Stubbly
C.M.O.

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A.C.S.

I seem to remember a discussion some years ago about the cost of putting met equipment on the "Darwin". Ca

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you trace the file, please.

L.S.
16.7.63

s/c
J. L. [Signature]

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A.C.S.,

Please tell CMO that the matter
is being taken up but a decision may
not be possible for several months.

L.G.

17.7.63

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For consideration at
next meeting.

SMP 0008/B
18th July, 1963.

MEMORANDUM NO. 4/63 TO STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Camp Meteorological Stations

The Chief Meteorological Officer has written as follows:-

"As you are aware, during the greater part of the year there is no British Antarctic Survey requirement for any forecasting service at the Stanley Meteorological Office. In the forecasting sphere all our efforts are directed towards providing forecasts for the people of the Falklands and for the Government Air Service.

To provide this service we need local as well as foreign reports, and these local reports are obtained from part-time observers at various places including West Point Island and Fox Bay. The part-time observers receive an honorarium under Head VIII.1, and their equipment is provided and kept in good order under Head VIII.3.

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I must emphasise that this proposal involves no new financial obligations as the "Darwin" is already well equipped with meteorological instruments. However agreement to this request would leave me happier in respect of the minor equipment repairs and replacements which are necessary from time to time if we are to continue to receive the very valuable and accurate reports which the vessel is providing".

2. The question of providing Meteorological equipment to R.M.S. "Darwin" was taken up in 1956 and the then Standing Finance Committee turned it down. It is not clear, however, whether their intention was to reject as a charge against public funds the cost of equipping the "Darwin" with meteorological instruments (but at the same time assisting where possible, and within the limit of the annual vote for Camp Stations, in maintaining, repairing and replacing those items that are expendable or subject to depreciation), or whether they were wholly opposed to the "Darwin" being regarded as a "Camp" Station at all.

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3. The Chief Meteorological Officer is anxious that reports from the "Darwin" should continue to be received - he refers to them as very valuable and accurate - and it is suggested that provided he can do it from the funds voted annually for the maintenance of Camp Stations he should be permitted to regard the "Darwin" as a Camp Station. As he states in paragraph 4 the vessel is already well equipped with instruments and expenditure would therefore be limited to maintaining the station in minor respects.

L. Murray

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY

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Copies sent to all Members today.

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Position at 3 explained to CMO

29.7.63

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SAN CARLOS
FALKLAND ISLANDS
SOUTH AMERICA.

14th August 1963.

Sir,

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Memo. No 4/63 for Standing Finance Committee.

I can see no objection to adopting the course of procedure suggested by the Chief Meteorological Officer.

I should imagine that R.M.S. Darwin benefits considerably from an accurate forecasting service and if her contribution to this is to be reliable, obviously her instruments must be adequately maintained. As this will involve no further expenditure by Government, I approve the proposal.

Yours Faithfully,

G.C.R. BONNER.

The Acting Colonial Secretary,
Secretariat,
STANLEY.

A/T wd you pl confirm that this is on the agenda for next SFC

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Aek'd
H.C.

L.H.

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Yes it has been noted for
the rest of it to be mostly thank you.

All
I hope

Jan

EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER, 1963.

7. It was agreed that expenditure normally met by Government for the maintenance of Camp Meteorological Stations be extended to include R.M.S. "Darwin". The "Darwin" would thus become a "Camp" Station.

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January,

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To: Chief Meteorological Officer,

From: The Colonial Secretary,

STANLEY.MAINTENANCE OF CAMP METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

I refer to your memorandum BAMS 700/63/18 of the 11th July, 1963.

No. 7 of the Meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Council held on the 15th December, 1963, reads as follows -

"It was agreed that expenditure normally met by Government for the maintenance of Camp Meteorological Stations be extended to include R.M.S. 'Darwin'. The 'Darwin' would thus become a 'Camp' Station."

But what is the next move? As far as I am aware we have not been in correspondence with the Falkland Islands Shipping Company about this.

Reply at 13
(Sgd) W.H. Thompson

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COLONIAL SECRETARY

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for the...*

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It is requested that any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



22nd January 19 64

The Hon. Colonial Secretary,

Stanley.

Meteorological Office

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :- MAINTENANCE OF CAMP METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT

R.M.S. "DARWIN"

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per.
28.1.64

12 Thank you for your memorandum 0008/B dated 7th January 1964. The authority of the Standing Finance Committee of the Legislative Council for R.M.S. "Darwin" to be regarded as a 'Camp' weather station is much appreciated.

To summarise the present position: The "Darwin" was meteorologically equipped at Colony expense in 1958, but at that time the vessel was not recognised as a 'Camp' station, and instructions given to the effect that no further expenditure, capital or recurrent, was permissible without reference to the office of the Colonial Secretary. The recent decision of the Standing Finance Committee provides for:-

- (a) R.M.S. "Darwin" to be regarded as a 'Camp' weather station;
- (b) The maintenance of existing equipment and the provision of replacements to be met from the normal allocation under Colony Estimates Head VIII.3.

No further move would appear to be necessary. That the equipment is the property of the Falkland Islands Government, and that weather observations are made voluntarily and without charge by the ship's officers whenever circumstances permit, are facts which I am sure are fully appreciated by the Falkland Islands Company and all other parties concerned.

W. S. S. Stanley

Chief Meteorological Officer

Law
28.1.64



It is requested that, in any reference to this memorandum the above number and date should be quoted.



1st March, 1965

To: Hon. Colonial Treasurer; *Secretary*

Secretariat,

STANLEY.

From: Chief Meteorological Officer,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.

SUBJECT :-

PAYMENTS TO CAMP METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVERS

As you are aware, the standard honorarium for the supply of 1200 GMT reports from authorised Camp weather stations has for some years been at the flat rate of £12 per annum.

2. This arrangement has for some time seemed to me unsatisfactory because:-

- (a) Some observers are very keen and co-operative, and supply us with very useful reports on Sundays as well as weekdays.
- (b) Darwin School staff at present receive the same flat rate of £12 although (presumably because of the length of school holidays) contributing far less reports than, for example, Fox Bay.

3. It would therefore seem to be much more satisfactory to pay on a pro-rata basis for the number of observations actually provided.

4. Some observers are unable to provide observations on every weekday of the year because they are often working away from their home settlements. One might reasonably say that such enforced absence from home results in the loss of about 33% of the maximum possible number of reports, giving us about 240 observations from each of such stations in the course of a year.

5. In view of Para.4 above, I would recommend payment of 1/- per observation, so that the average annual payment would work out at about £12 per annum as at present. This pro-rata arrangement would appear to have the following advantages:-

- (a) The keen and co-operative observers would benefit from their purely voluntary extra effort on Sundays.
- (b) Less keen observers would receive less than the £12 per annum hitherto paid to them.
- (c) The bad effect (on the highly co-operative observers) of the less keen types receiving equal reward for less effort would be eliminated.

6. Will you please consider the above proposal, and let me have your comments.

7. There is no difficulty in keeping a check on the number of reports actually received. In fact the numbers are given monthly in the Reports of Work submitted to H.E. the Governor.

W.S.S. *shilly*

C.M.O.

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19th March, 65.

From: Colonial Secretary,

To: The Chief Meteorological Officer,

STANLEY.

Payments to Camp Meteorological Observers.

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Thank you for your memo. BAMS 150/65/11 of the 1st of March, 1965.

I would like to discuss it with you at your convenience.

Perhaps when you are next this way you will call in.

(Sgd.) W. H. Thompson

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

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